

GLEANINGS

FROM THE
GLADES
Threshed Out In Belle Glade
BY PHIL CLARKE

FORM OF PROGRESS—

Resolved, that no resolutions be made for the forthcoming year. But resolutions or no resolutions, a newspaper, to be any kind of credit to the community, must have a code of ethics or a definite purpose for the betterment of general welfare, in situations of individuals. In this particular, the Belle Glade News purports to represent only the causes of the community, the improvement of the conditions in Belle Glade. This has been done and will continue to be done at the expense of the publisher, and individuals and institutions. But no newspaper or any other institution devoting its efforts to the enlightenment of the public can survive without definite policy. And that policy must contain at least the basis of ethics, which is not to be concurrent with other "ideas" or not.

So, for the benefit of those who read the columns of this paper, I am, from time to time, writing the editorial policies of this publication. I am, however, promoting the welfare of Belle Glade's more general population.

1. It shall be our continuous purpose to give, as a practical, development of diversified activity in Belle Glade and surrounding territory.

2. All of this shall be featured in an endeavor to promote real and lasting progress in Belle Glade.

3. As far as seems practical, we shall attempt to promote the livestock industry in the Everglades region. Until such industry can be developed, we will not be practical and unprofitable beyond a doubt, and we doubt that it can be proven such, we shall afford all possible publicity possible to pioneers in this new industry.

4. The present intolerable housing conditions will continue to be exposed through the medium of this publication. Belle Glade is worthy of decent houses and of decent people. And decent people deserve decent houses. General conditions alone will be hit and miss. A few people may have substantial housing construction for Belle Glade will be promoted to the utmost.

5. We shall continue to cooperate, as much as possible, with local merchants and dealers. Reciprocity shall be given in the support from local business men that it would be traitorous to betray them by favoring outside interests and it shall be our duty to support local business men.

6. We shall continue to publicize the Everglades as the greatest winter vegetable area in the United States. All possible encouragement and co-operation will be extended to those persons who are true pioneers, and their efforts to develop this vast farming region.

SMALL TOWN PHILOSOPHY—
Did you notice how quiet the morning after the storm? The morning after. But, aside from the spasm of bursting firecrackers here and there, New Year's Eve was comparatively uneventful. The busting crowds that filled the streets and stores. Personally, New Year's Eve was really a very quiet day. The home of the stroke of twelve was marked by the solitary bang of a firecracker, no commotion, and the picture was too absorbing.

The last New Year's Eve motion picture show that I attended was a maximum of entertainment. At twelve, promptly, an empty ball rolled down the entire length of the main street with a pop against the orchestra pit rail.

I didn't see the ranks of the week-end inoperative. The week-end I intended to feed "whoops". My stomach threatened revolt and my head began to buckle. Fearing for the future, I hastened home and to bed where the application of several layers of blankets and the absorption

Three Hurt When Train And Truck Figure In Crash

Accident Near Year's Eve
Puts Three In The Hospital

Near tragedy was enacted in the packing house section of Belle Glade 9:30 o'clock New Year's Eve, when a heavily-laden railroad box car smashed head-on into a motionless truck and trailer, grinding the huge machine under its wheels.

The injured were: Porter King, Belle Glade, hurt badly when he was thrown from the rear of the truck trailer striking his head against wooden rafters nearby. He was removed to the Everglades Memorial hospital in Pahokee and released Tuesday.

S. H. Bell, Belle Glade, injured less seriously, treated at the hospital and released.

"Mac" Holcomb, Belle Glade, slightly hurt, treated at the hospital and released.

According to eyewitness reports of the accident, a FEC locomotive was pulling out refrigerator cars from the P. C. Reese loading platform when the head car struck the parked cab and trailer which was backing on the platform. The truck, which was carrying a load of produce, was completely flattened.

The wreckage was sent from New Smyrna and cleared away at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Following the crash, the truck caught fire and the Belle Glade fire department was called to extinguish the blaze.

The morning session of the conference, beginning at ten o'clock, will be devoted to a discussion of the new school code for Florida.

Mr. J. W. Walker, Pahokee, J. R. Cox, Canal Point, and L. W. Bartlett, Belle Glade, re-named as heads of their respective schools.

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May 3—H. D. Beck, Belle Glade attorney, elected state representative from group 2 succeeding Paul Rardin, Canal Point.

Armen Salvatore elected to Palm Beach county school board from District No. 2 without opposition.

Doyle W. Crocker re-elected county commissioner without opposition.

John W. Walker, re-elected mayor of Pahokee, Haywood Baxer re-elected city marshal. W. P. Walker, re-elected clerk of Pahokee city clerk. R. B. Mackey, O. B. McCure and Victor L. Geiger chosen Pahokee city councilmen.

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Highlights Of Happenings In The Glades In The Year 1938

Following is a brief summary of the happenings of importance throughout the Glades area during the year of 1938. Events that make up the everyday news of thriving, progressing communities.

January 5—Highway map passed in construction work on Road 26.

February 10—Season carload shipments of vegetables from the Everglades region hit high mark of 2900 cars for current season.

February 11—Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce organized with J. F. Scullen, president; W. L. Cunningham, secretary; H. A. Bratley, treasurer; Herbert D. Beck, Arthur Grubbs, W. C. Lord, J. D. Davidson, vice presidents; K. E. Lutz, L. C. Betzler, L. E. Will, A. E. Kirchman, Frank L. Franz, directors.

February 23—RFC grants farmers in south Florida Conservancy district 60 day moratorium in foreclosures.

February 24—Road 25 opening announced as first of newly formed Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

February 25—Work started on B. Elliott all-steel garage.

March 1—Palm Beach County Federation of Women's clubs elects Mrs. Joe Friedlund, Belle Glade, president, succeeding Mrs. G. C. Barco.

March 10—Belle Glade city revenues reported up. City financial condition revealed as better today than at any other time in the last several years.

March 10—Everglades beef cattle hit new high in quality as revealed in slaughter tests made at West Palm Beach and using 50 of Experiment Station's records.

March 11—Palm Beach County Furniture company store opened with B. F. Fears as owner and manager.

March 11—Glades vegetable shipments hit 3,000 mark for season.

March 12—Belle Glade water system shows \$2,000 profit for first year of operation.

March 12—Power company rounds out ten years of service to Lake Okeechobee region.

March 12—Pahokee city leaders begin efforts for full-time guard on FEC highway crossing near power plant.

March 18—Everglades worst drought is broken by light showers.

March 18—Glades Chevrolet company, Belle Glade, opens new location in larger quarters.

March 19—A. J. York, Everglades pioneer and founder of Pahokee Baptist church, observes ninety-sixth birthday anniversary.

March 22—Belle Glade Rotary club elects James Darden president, succeeding Buzz Granger. George Farnall was re-elected secretary. Directors for the coming year were named as follows: L. W. Bartlett, Herbert Beck, W. B. Granger, J. B. Soller, W. C. Lord and James Scullen.

March 24—Paul Rardin elected president of the Pahokee Junior Chamber of Commerce. T. C. Richardson was elected secretary and treasurer. John Durney was named president. Members of the board of directors included Frank Bass, Frank Brewer, B. Elliott, and H. M. McIntosh.

April 1—Work on \$10,000 Canal Point Baptist church started.

April 1—Wells Lumber company of Pahokee burned to the ground in \$20,000 fire.

April 3—Belle Glade Baptist church celebrates opening of \$15,000 building with special services.

April 5—Everglades Fair opened in Belle Glade, John P. Bowers is promoter of affair.

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May 21—Stirling cafe and Lutz drug store destroyed by fire. Damages amount to over \$10,000.

May 21—Carl Wakefield, South Florida Conservancy district official, seriously wounded at Belle Glade.

May 25—Carload shipments of vegetables from Glades goes over 7,500 mark for season.

June 2—New Clewiston Inn opens in Clewiston.

June 2—Mack Parker's drug store opened in Pahokee.

June 2—H. J. Harris, Belle Glade realtor, makes home in Clewiston golf course.

June 8—W. D. Larrimore renamed Pahokee postmaster.

June 17—County's patriotic organizations honor Rev. A. J. York, Pahokee Confederate veteran.

June 25—Motorcade of 200 cars from Broward county entertained in Glades area.

June 26—South Bay post office advanced from fourth to third class rating.

June 28—Rev. A. J. York, Pahokee Confederate veteran, leaves for reunion at Gettysburg.

July 4—Belle Glade town council elects new city hall plans.

July 11—W. M. Stafford of Lake Worth named chief of Everglades Fire Control district to succeed Guy J. Bender of Belle Glade.

July 12—Belle Glade unit of Wildlife League formed with Lou Betzner, president; Rose Bradlock, vice president; Bill Frey, secretary-treasurer.

August 9—Glades growers join U. S. Sugar corporation in urging government not to raise scale of cane field workers.

August 12—Mrs. B. J. Bargett, 40, Pahokee, killed in automobile accident at Pahokee.

Ben Herr, Okeechobee Flood Control district chief engineer, says plans have been completed for \$1,000,000 work in St. Lucie county.

August 15—J. W. Cochran, Pahokee grower and packer, dies at Miami.

September 7—Pahokee school board holds first rehearsal with 25 pieces swelling into act.

September 9—Arnold Bass, Belle Glade, dies.

September 13—Belle Glade town election results in H. I. Bratley and R. K. Harris' election to commissioner of H. I.

September 13—L. E. Will renamed head of Belle Glade Ancient Legion post.

September 21—Frank E. Brewer elected as head of Pahokee's Junior Chamber of Commerce group. Victor Geiger chosen as vice president and T. C. Richardson re-elected secretary-treasurer.

September 23—\$25,000 WPA park project for Belle Glade given confirmation from government officials.

September 24—PWA makes grant of \$75,182 on State Road 25 repair project of \$162,627.

October 4—RFC declines loan to Everglades Drainage district.

October 7—Phil Clarke named resident commissioner of Glades grower, killed at Belle Glade pre-cooling plant.

October 17—Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce visited by delegation of 11 men from Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce in interest of opening State Road No. 26.

October 19—George H. Wilhelm, Punta Gorda, killed in automobile-truck accident north of Canal Point.

October 20—Palm Beach county grand jury passes action of State Road 25 repairs.

October 29—Belle Glade votes bonds for new school building, city hall and extension to water plant, PWA projects.

November 1—County Federation of Women's clubs hold first meeting of season at Belle Glade.

November 15—Credit association proposed for Glades area.

November 15—Mack Chastain, Canal Point boy, killed by playmate in accidental discharge of shotgun.

November 15—Duck hunting season opens in Palm Beach county.

November 29—Florida Power & Light company announces rate reductions.

December 1—Pahokee wins first football victory over Palm Beach, 14 to 6, at Pahokee. Everglades News starts football fans with special extra containing score and play-by-play of the game. Held 15 minutes after final whistle.

December 5—Belle Glade News publishes special edition welcoming members of Florida Resources Special at Belle Glade.

December 9—Central Junior high school of West Palm Beach defeats Pahokee Junior high school, 7-6, for county Junior high football title.

December 21—Everglades Drainage district repudiating claims first hurdle.

December 21—Rev. A. J. York, 96, Pahokee, last surviving Confederate veteran in the county, dies.

Belle Glade Rotes To Give Free Test On Thermometers

The Belle Glade Rotary club has as guest speakers at their regular Friday luncheon-meeting last week, Jim Boardley, Clewiston official of the Everglades Drainage district, and Rev. Frank Atkinson, pastor of the First Congregational church of West Palm Beach.

Rotarian Roscoe Bradlock introduced both speakers. Mr. Boardley, talked briefly in summarizing efforts that have been made to reduce the drainage district funds. Rev. Atkinson gave a splendid talk using as his theme the drainage of the water in our everyday lives.

Water Hooker introduced the remainder of the guests present and Mrs. Frank Currier and the of the United States Department of Agriculture, Assistant Bureau.

Hungry wolves, during a mud cold spell at Kripivno, North Bulgaria, attacked two flocks of sheep, killing 30 and injuring 25.

Loan Association Enjoys Good Year

Directors of the Everglades Federal Savings & Loan Association of Belle Glade heard a highly favored financial report on its past year's operations at their monthly meeting Tuesday.

Included in the report was an increase in private share holdings from \$19,937.18 to \$22,779.59, and a profit of \$1,512.21 for 1938 as compared with \$553.17 the year before. Cash on hand increased from \$101.84 to \$2,201.32 and share loans from \$100 to \$1,053.25 while direct reduction loans went from \$73,451.24 to \$75,591.28, according to the report. The amount borrowed from the Federal Home Loan Bank fell from \$17,175 to \$10,075.

Checks have been mailed to participants for the semi-annual two per cent dividend.

Town Council Has Much Business At Regular Meeting

Plan To Raise Additional Money For Town Hall Work

Further matters in connection with the raising of an additional \$142,750 for construction of the town hall, which has been discussed earlier in the week at a special meeting, were taken up at the regular Wednesday session of the Belle Glade town council.

Necessary forms for submission to the regional PWA headquarters in Atlanta were approved. The change order to effect construction costs as estimated by Ben Hiller & Company of Pahokee, was approved. The new town hall, revised the original estimate of \$25,071 to a total of \$27,998.50. Included in the breakdown of expenses are: Preliminary expenses, \$400.00; Construction costs, \$21,653.90; Engineering, \$1,175.10; Planning, \$1,175.10; Interest during construction, \$200; Miscellaneous, \$300.00.

Mayor Wells read a letter from J. H. Wood, one of the regional directors of the Farm Security Administration at Montgomery, Ala., in which thanks were expressed for kindly assistance rendered by the city of Belle Glade during the recent visit made by officials of the FSA to study housing conditions in Belle Glade. Mr. Wood went further in stating that certain state authorities had been approved in connection with the proposed federal low-cost building program in Belle Glade. He said that definite action would probably be forthcoming soon.

A. E. Kirchman, city commissioner, suggested that a resolution be ordered to approve the purchase of one car of along for the city's use in the recommendation of J. H. Wood, city waterworks superintendent.

Karl Riddle, architect and engineer from West Palm Beach, in charge of plans for the new waterworks addition, was present at the meeting and offered his plan for the original estimate. He gave the original estimate in the original estimate in order to meet funds appropriated for work. Recommendations were made to PWA headquarters asking the elimination of certain extensions and pipeline additions awarded to the Langston Construction company. Mention was made of the elimination of the 1920 foot extension to the prison farm which would reduce the original estimate by \$6,820 and the elimination of \$2,700 worth of water line extension to Leonard Weathers, a subdivision.

It was estimated that the proposed total of expenditure for the project amounts to \$46,800 with \$45,200 to be paid by the federal government. The plan for the 50,000 gallon reservoir tank is built instead of a 75,000 gallon tank. The construction would be reduced to the present available amount of \$15,200. It was tentatively agreed that the pipeline extension to the town hall would be eliminated and the town hall would be built on the 15,000 gallon tank. This would be accepted.

In addition, all growers desiring information in regard to fruit-frost service are asked to call 21-W South Bay where they will receive further information on this service according to James W. Milligan, assistant meteorologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

John George, the author, will prepare a personal memoir of King George V, which will not touch on any official side of the reign.

Should Send Check To Seal Treasurer

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"The Truly Distinguished Mind Prefers The Provinces."

In Many Varieties 134 Carloads Roll From Glades Area

Total of 1862 Cars Reached During The Past Week

Variety proved big spice of 16, 34,000-gallon shipments this week as 134 carloads of winter vegetables, including beans, potatoes, peas, celery, cabbage, cilantro and radishes hit the trail to the north over FEC tracks. The Okeechobee section total now sits at 1862 carloads for the season with approximately half as many more going out in the form of truck loads.

Beans moved back into the first line of the season with 32 carloads rolling out. Potatoes ranked next with 26 out, all from Belle Glade packing houses. Peas ranked a close third with 25 carloads. Beans "moving" out of the local section, Belle Glade ranked first in adjacent counties with 23 outgoing carloads. Potatoes ranked next with 25 and Canal Point third with 12. Friday and Saturday were better days in the packing house section with 29 and 27 cars respectively being loaded.

Beans were going for 30-50¢ for strings of 25¢. Volante beans were selling 63-75¢. Potatoes were bringing \$1 for 15 Blum Triumfs, U. S. No. 1. Carrots were bringing \$1.50. Size B's were bringing \$1. Little Marvel peas were quoted from \$2.29 to \$2.25 with a few at \$2.20.

Rainfall during the fall has been extremely light in the growing season and crops on high land have been suffering from lack of moisture and white fly infestation. A large acreage of Florida beans has been planted for mid-winter harvest. Plantings for the spring crop of beans, however, will not become heavy until next month.

County Farm Group To Elect Officers In Meeting Today

Conservation Association To Meet With County Agent

The election of officers for the County Agricultural Conservation Association, which was organized by the Soil Conservation program, will be held in the office of M. McShane, county agricultural agent, at West Palm Beach this afternoon at 2 p. m. All interested persons have been invited.

Officers to be elected for 1939 will supervise the work of the association for the present year. The association is organized to help farmers in the county who are participating in Soil Conservation work. All such farmers are eligible for membership in the association. Purposes of the association are to govern and conduct the work of the association employed in Palm Beach county.

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DR. A. J. MOTORIST

As the winter season begins to move in, perhaps, we should give attention to the proposal of Cliff Davis, commissioner of public safety in Tennessee. He would brand the reckless motorists with special plates affixed to their cars to humiliate them in the eyes of the public. Plates proclaiming "law violator" and "careless" are suggested.

This is somewhat in keeping with the old customs of marking the criminal and offender, such as the scarlet letter, or another and better comparison might be the contagious disease signs which are placed on houses to warn off visitors. Automobiles designated as reckless might not only inform the public to beware but it would also serve to shame the driver and force him to use greater caution. Such a plate could be affixed to Florida machines at the front

where provisions are usually made for a license tag. Such a brand would be additional punishment and could be ordered for a certain time, removed after so many weeks or months following improved driving conduct.

But in addition to marking the offenders, this same idea might operate on the positive side by rewarding the good drivers with signs of commendation, showing that the motorist had not been denoted as violating traffic laws had not been involved in any accidents, had not exceeded the speed limits.

While the proposal may not be put in operation, it is an idea worthy of consideration and with possibilities in curtailing the accidents and in the preservation of life.—Miami Herald.

Uruguay will tax tourists' automobiles remaining in the country longer than six months.

At The Theatres SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Bringing the world-famous team of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers together once more, RKO Radio's "Careless" presents a glittering, joyous and song-studded film romance embellished with Irving Berlin melodies. Startling dance routines and a deftly handled story at the Belle Glade theatre Sunday and Monday.

Because Ginger keeps breaking off her wedding day with Ralph Bellamy, the latter asks Astaire, a psychiatrist, to fix up any lurking inhibitions the lady may have on the subject of marriage. The pretty patient complicates matters by falling in love with Fred instead of with Ralph.

When the psychiatrist fails to respond, the actress starts a hectic series of madcap adventure, the doctor meantime falling in love with her himself, only to find that he has a new resistance to overcome. How the seemingly lost cause is won at the last moment makes for the uproarious climax of the picture which is said to be both the funniest and most entertaining of all the Astaire-Rogers vehicles.

The two stars, with cleverly drawn roles to enact as the psychiatrist and the actress, have unusual opportunities to display the talents that made them the world's premiere dancing duo, and Ralph Bellamy as the lawyer forms the third corner of the tumultuous triangle in what is perhaps his finest role to date.

The brilliant supporting cast is headed by Luella Gear, noted Broadway comedienne, and Jack Carson, hailed as the comestically "discovery" of the year, along with Clarence Kolb and Franklin Pangborn. Four of Irving Berlin's catchiest tunes, "The Night is Filled With Music," "I Used to Be Color Blind," "The Yams" and "Change Partners," are featured in the picture, and all four are in the top rank of popularity in the nation's song lists. There is a short feature also by Robert B. Mitchell and his St. Brendan Boys.

The dance numbers of "Careless" following the Astaire-Rogers tradition of introducing spectacular routines into their vehicles, are unusually diversified. They include the "Old Dance," a solo novelty by Astaire; the "Change Partners" routine, a sensational romantic ballroom dance; a dream fantasy number, and "The Yams."

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a colorful but simple ballroom routine, the first dance the two stars have ever presented which can without revision be performed by the general public, and which has caught on widely.

Mark Sandrich directed the Pandro S. Berman production, which the screen play was written by Dudley Nichols, Hagar Wilde, Allan Scott and Ernest Pagano. "Always in Trouble," with Jane Willers will be the attraction at the Prince theatre in Pahokee Sunday and Monday.

TOWN "KICKERS"

There are many boosters who are always satisfied with their town and who let folks know it. But every community, no matter how large it may be, has its allotment of "kickers." There is community that does not need some improvement. Nor is there a community where no controversy exists among its citizens when attempts are made to do something about the needs of the town. There are always defects in management and public service and there are always those constant fault finders who call attention repeatedly to these defects.

As a general rule the biggest home town kicker is usually last to try to do something constructive to remedy the fault. A bit of bustling about to get folks interested in repairing the need, to create sentiment in favor of the improvement, is much more apt to carry results. We will always have the man who thinks the small town should have all the advantages of the large one, who is eternally dissatisfied with things in his home place. The majority of us feel that we in the small town have much that a large place can't offer us.

THE YEXING MILK PROBLEM

The country was startled the other day by news dispatches disclosing indictment by a federal grand jury in Chicago of 63 persons and 34 corporations, charging conspiracy to fix and maintain non-competitive prices of milk and ice cream. The indictments reached from New York to Florida and across the continent.

Meanwhile in Florida we have a Milk Control board which is charged with the duty of fixing prices at which milk shall be sold in the various cities of the state—thus establishing non-competitive prices. The state doing as the matter of law what the federal government is complaining about. These are funny times, and an ordinary mind keeps swiveling trying to determine the right and wrong of things under legal determination.

For years there has been a nationwide effort to persuade people to use more milk because of its food value. The importance of the price of milk to low income families is shown by the United States department of agriculture's bureau of home economics. The bureau found that city families which could afford only an average of eight cents a quart for each person used an average of 2.3 quarts of milk per individual each week, while families which could afford 17 cents per quart used an average of 3.6 quarts weekly for each person. Dieticians recommend a minimum of three quarts weekly for a healthy diet, and state that five quarts is desirable, particularly where there is a group of children.—Bradenton Herald.

The heaviest holiday traffic in the organization's history, was reported by the Florida Motor Club. Buses were run in several sections on many routes and all indications point to tourist travel during the next two months being heavier than ever before.

State Safety Director Asher Frank urges parents to be extremely careful in the use of fireworks over the Christmas holidays and also urges that they guard themselves and their families from the perils of heavy highway travel. "Death," Frank warns, "is not a pleasant holiday guest."

Lights of New York By L. L. STEVENSON

The theater district these winter nights does not seem the same without the ragamuffins who in the past entertained the passing throngs in various ways. Their specialty was dancing, and the dancers for the most part had exceedingly nimble feet. They were up on the latest as well, and Charleston experts in turn gave place to those who did "trunkin'." Sometimes there were harmonica or vocal soloists. But they too had to be nimble of foot. Between the gamins and the cops, there was constant warfare. An essential member of the troupe was the lookout and when he gave the signal, the youngsters were gone with the wind. But they never departed, no matter their hurry, without gathering nickels and dimes that had been tossed their way, since those nickels and dimes were the objective of their efforts.

Colorful and picturesque were these youngsters who kept late hours and danced among the bright lights. They were also tough—as tough as case-hardened steel. That is the reason why they no longer congregate about the theaters, before and after the show and between the acts. That is why also that mid-town cops get less exercise. The authorities figured that it would be better for the urchins if they were chased once and for all. So instead of merely making gestures, the police made arrests. Parents were brought into court and made to see why their children should be in their homes and not on Broadway late at night. So now the youngsters who danced and sang have disappeared. So have most of those with fearful faces and soiled newspapers.

Not so amusing, colorful or picturesque were those car watchers who lusted the theater district in such numbers that a motorist couldn't find a space that wasn't under their control. Various locations were taken over by gangs who had ousted other gangs and the motorist who failed to tip lived to regret it. In fact, conditions reached such a stage that some of the guidebooks advised paying a fee rather than suffer damaged car bodies and tires as well as the removal of everything that could be detached. Matters reached a climax when a motorist who tipped only a dime was assaulted. Then the police took a hand and now there are no more car watchers. In their place is an ordinance which forbids them to engage in such business.

Taxicab jockeys have also been eliminated by police activity. The jockeys were boys and men who swung onto the running boards of taxicabs and when they stopped, opened doors and stood by waiting for tips for the alleged service. The practice was not only annoying but dangerous. Doormen are not forbidden by the new ordinance to perform such service, and thus they got a break on rainy nights. They hustle out and bring up cabs for the waiting public. But they would arrive anyway never seems to occur to the time-harried New Yorker.

Public portiers are still licensed by The City. They station themselves in various places and pounce on the baggage of travelers. When that happens, the traveler has to pay two tips since the public portier is not allowed in the railroad station, touting in terminals being a red cap monopoly. Public portiers, in the past, have acted as steers for various minor hotels, often talking strangers out of going to places where they had intended with consequent loss to those who yielded.

The return of property has caused the return of the hat grabber. When times were dull a number of establishments dismissed the hat grabber and thus patrons were not required to ransom hats and coats. But they are back now and seemingly are more rapacious than ever. It has been said that the New Yorker pays \$5 for a hat and then expends \$10 buying it back from check rooms. The only solution seems to be going bareheaded and that custom is not what it used to be. Bareheads are not nearly so numerous as in the past.

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Oldest Kiwanian
Massillon, O. — Dr. Seth Taitt, who has practiced medicine here for more than 40 years, has been cited as the oldest active Kiwanian in the United States. He is eighty-seven.

The Scottish Ice Hockey association has refused to let women teams play on its rink at Glasgow.

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Community Happenings

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Social And Personal Fraternal And Civic Clubs

Woman's Club Holds Bi-Monthly Meeting

The Woman's club conducted its regular bi-monthly meeting at the club rooms Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Curtis Webster, vice president of Section 10, Federation of Woman's clubs, as the principal speaker. She took as her topic, "Citizenship," and later held an open forum. Mrs. Charles M. Wick, citizenship chairman for the section, also talked.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. James Scullen, it was announced that over \$30.00 was realized from the sale of Christmas greeting cards. Current bills were paid and \$25.00 was allowed for the free circulating library which is maintained in the club house. The name of Mrs. Phil Clarke was presented for membership and was unanimously accepted.

Plans were made for a delegation to represent the local club at the Federation meeting to be held in West Palm Beach.

The hostesses were Mrs. J. P. Browne, Mrs. John Longaker, Miss Pauline Hill and Mrs. Dorset Harper.

Among those present were: Mrs. Joe Freedman, Mrs. Robert Bass, Mrs. H. A. Stollenberg, Mrs. L. W. Bartlett, Mrs. Eugene Bradlock, Mrs. F. D. Stevens, Mrs. Frank Howard, Mrs. Luther Jones, Mrs. Thomas Bruggier, Mrs. J. R. Neller, Mrs. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude Hamilton, Mrs. M. E. Sabiston, Mrs. Herbert Beck and Mrs. Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Roberts and children, Steve and Betty, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Mattie Ridgely in Bartow and Mrs. R. A. Dear, Arcadia. Mr. and Mrs. Otis McWhorter visited relatives and attending the Orange Bowl football game.

Mrs. R. L. Reddish has returned to her home in Orlando after spending several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McDonald.

John Greer is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Greer.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dorset Harper and daughter have returned from Miami where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk had as their Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hornaby, Lakeland; Miss Blanche Osborne, Winter Haven; Mr. and Mrs. W. Osbourne, Fort Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. M. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ammons and daughter, Ann, Canal Point.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Alpaugh and children, Barbara Joan and Donald, Sterling, Kan., and Mr. M. Alpaugh and Miss Verma Alpaugh, Miami, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Alpaugh.

Mrs. J. Harold Reidel had as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mehlender, Detroit, parents of Mrs. Reidel; Rev. A. H. Lindeman, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. C. E. Reidel and Victor Reidel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and daughter, D. D. Nepper have returned to Chipley after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Granger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dixon and sons, L. W., Jr. and Freddie, have returned to Tampa after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, parents of Mrs. Dixon.

Mrs. W. B. Conner has returned to her home in Fort Ogden after visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Morris.

Miss Pauline Hill has returned from Jacksonville where she visited Mrs. E. S. Nixon and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Watson have returned to their home in Miami after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wilson.

Alanzo D. Dunn has returned to her home in Baltimore, Md., after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cannon, Sebring, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Seabrook.

Dr. and Mrs. Marion Irby and son, Victor, have returned from Wauchula where they visited relatives.

Clyde Townsend had returned to West Palm Beach after visiting his sisters, Mrs. Carl Cox and Mrs. Beulah Lee Majors.

Miss Clara Belle Morris has returned from a visit to Mrs. Evelyn Long and Miss Margaret Linn in Miami.

Miss Nita Bregger, who has been visiting her brother and family in Sebring, has returned to her home in Washington, D. C.

William Jeffries and James Scullen spent Wednesday in Lakeland and Cleveland attending to business for the South Florida Conservancy district.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bradlock had as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bradlock, Miami; William Dawkins, Orlando; and Mrs. W. L. Gunn, Illinois.

Seek To Sell More Bonds On City Hall

Permission to sell an additional \$2000 in city hall bonds will be sought from PWA headquarters by the Belle Glade town council under provisions of a resolution adopted at a special meeting Tuesday at the temporary town hall.

According to provisions of the agreement with the PWA, grants the council's request either to buy the bonds or allow them to be offered at private sale, the proceeds will be used to cover the cost of additional expenses in connection with the construction of the new city hall, including architects' fees, clearing the site and moving the old building.

The town has issued \$15,000 in bonds since 1935. Of these, \$10,000 were taken by the PWA to meet its grant of \$10,000. Don Hillier & Son of Pahokee, who have the city hall contract, have been making progress on the foundation part of the structure.

VALIDATION BONDS

Final decree validating \$15,000 in Belle Glade town hall bonds was filed Tuesday in circuit court at West Palm Beach. The town filed its petition for validation last December 7. Herbert D. Beck was attorney for the town.

Brother Of Pastor Dies Under Train

Friends of Rev. S. B. Jordan of the Canal Point and South Bay Baptist churches mourned with him the death of his brother, Rev. Robert C. Jordan, who died under a train near the canal, Sunday, Jan. 2, 1938.

Rev. Robert C. Jordan, 32, of Gray, Fla., was in a train, bound for Barrenville, Ga., Saturday morning. Rev. Jordan's brother was an employee of the Central of Georgia railroad for 15 years and was prominent in church work, being a deacon and superintendent of Sunday school in the Gray Baptist church.

The accident occurred when Mr. Jordan slipped from the top of a moving freight car and was run over by a train traveling on an opposite track.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. B. E. Jordan, also an employee of the C. of G. railroad, two sons, Jenkins and Benjamin and one daughter, Haroldine, all of Gray, Fla., and three brothers and three sisters. Rev. S. B. Jordan and family attended the funeral at Gray Sunday afternoon.

Woodmen Install Officers For '39

About 75 members of the Woodmen of the World, ranging in age from 18 to 80, and representing Pahokee and Belle Glade, journeyed to Ft. Pierce Tuesday night where officers for the ensuing year were installed by the Pahokee, Belle Glade and Ft. Pierce camps.

Following the installation, E. J. Wilson, local field man, spoke on methods used during the last campaign for the election of officers in the state. The newly installed camp commanders gave fine talks on their plans for the coming year to wind up the joint meeting.

Members of the Ft. Pierce camp, who had congregated for the day, were entertained by the Pahokee camp with a splendid spread of food, including chicken and trimmings, served to all who attended.

OPEN FORUM

Written By The People And For The People

Editor, Belle Glade News:

I wish to take this occasion to heartily concur with the keen and timely analysis of Mr. Clarke in the present issue of the News, and to express my sincere appreciation for the economic structure of the Glades. It is too heavy to say the least.

As a resident of this community for the past 15 years I have observed the changes which Mr. Clarke points out.

Since he is an unbiased his statements deserve the attention of all who have the welfare of this community at heart.

Joe Liebold.

school have returned from their respective homes after a pleasant vacation.

Mrs. Roy White, and daughter, Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, returned to their home in Wareboro, Ga., after a recent visit to her mother at her home in Miami after spending the past week visiting her father who is employed here.

New Employees At Glades Postoffices

With the advent of the new year there are several new employees at the postoffices in Canal Point, Ft. Pierce and Mrs. Katherine Sears have been employed. Mrs. Mary Lude, man, who has been in the Canal Point postoffice for a year, resigned the first of the year. In the Pahokee office Mrs. S. E. Gannage has taken the place of Mrs. M. C. Gannage, who resigned.

School Board Has Plans For Payroll

Registrations and minor business affairs were handled by the Board of Education during an organization meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Sellers, Cocoa, was appointed to a vacant position by the resignation of Miss Ruth Faulkingham, teacher at the Canal Point school, who was transferred to Texas during the Christmas holidays. Superintendent John I. Leonard reported that he was unable to meet the monthly payroll. Miss Oleena Johnson, also a teacher at the Canal Point school, was paid in January. Trustees will be requested to recommend a substitute.

Because of a state delay in the making of payments for teachers' salaries, the board decided to borrow \$22,000 to meet the monthly payroll. Chairman C. A. Widell said the state owes the county school system 5 per cent of the November payment, 10 per cent of the December allotment and all of the January allotment.

DEATH TOLL IN COUNTY DROPS

The accidental death toll for Palm Beach county in 1938 was 35, with the causes of death ranging from an airplane crash to highway accidents.

Officials pointed out that the most gratifying aspect of the accident toll was that 10 less persons drowned in Everglades canals than during 1937. In 1938 the number of persons killed by drowning in the canals, while in 1937 the total was 16. In 1938 the canals claimed 15 lives, most of them in the West Palm Beach "death stretch" along State Highway 25.

March 6 Herbert W. Pond, aviator, lost his life when he announced that he was "going for his last ride" then started a series of stunts which ended with his plane crashed into a canal bank, killing him instantly.

Four men were killed in rail crossing accidents, three of whom were negroes and a white man who died when he was said to have been hit by a Florida East Coast train.

BASKET BALL IS DIRE NEED

When any group of young people need anything as badly as boys and girls of Belle Glade Junior high school basketball teams need another basketball, it's high time to do something about it.

Recently, county school board budgets allow appropriations for but one basketball for the Belle Glade school. With plans already laid for the formation of a girls basketball squad and the boys' basketball team, the predicament is embarrassing to say the least. In short, another good basketball is needed.

At present, separate periods are being used by both teams and both teams have to use the same court. It is suggested that 16 boys be interested enough in the sport to play for practice and about 16 more girls expressing a desire to play the sport. It seems entirely worthwhile to start a campaign for the purchase of a new basketball.

Grant Wilson is one of the boys squad and Mrs. Grant Wilson is handling the girls' squad. L. W. Bartlett, principal of the Belle Glade school, is doing all possible to help the sport among students of the school.

Note: Names of all contributors to be "ungratefully" listed in the Belle Glade News. Lou Bettner reports that a good ball will cost about \$12. There's the dope. Let's get busy.

President, Wally Gray of the West Glades basketball association, has arranged for a series of viewing events scheduled for various west coast cities during the next two months, states this association has more than 1000 visitors than ever before, and states a record breaking tourist crop this season.

Highway Mishaps Slightly Lower In Year Just Closed

Glades Car Wrecks Drop In 1938; Still Too Many

To recall the many fatal and near fatal accidents which have occurred on the frequently blood-stained highways of the Everglades during the past year it may not be an entirely agreeable task.

Although roadside canal accidents have shown a sharp decline during 1938 the number is still large enough to demand public cooperation in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities. Follows is a brief summary of the more serious accidents which have blotted local public records during the preceding year.

February 1—Clifton Mrs. 27, went into roadside canal between Beach City and Observation Point. Killed instantly.

February 2—Ed Day, 33, South Bay negro was killed when the truck in which he was riding ran over an unfinished culvert on State Road 25 four miles south of Oklawaha.

March 23—L. W. Bell, 39, of West Palm Beach, drowned when automobile went off Conners highway, mile and one-half west of Twenty Mile bend into West Palm Beach canal.

July 2—M. C. Crawford, 35, of Pahokee, killed when knocked from truck running back in crash with tree near Pahokee.

August 12—Mrs. J. B. Jarrett, 60, Pahokee, passenger in head-on collision at Pahokee. Died of injuries received.

September 11—Mrs. and 27 respectively, killed in collision while westbound two miles of Lake Harbor. Automobile left road and plunged into roadside canal.

October 19—George Wilhelm, 40, Port Mayaca and Boca Raton, killed in head-on collision with truck four miles north of Canal Point on Conners highway.

November 27—Henry E. Pennington, 38, Lake Worth, fatally injured as passenger in automobile collision with truck.

In collision on Conners highway 12 miles east of Canal Point. December 8—W. M. Hayes, 50, Canal Point, pedestrian, fatally injured when, while walking on Conners highway several miles north of Canal Point, he stepped in front of and was run over by automobile and his legs were run over by a dynamite truck close by following.

December 11—A. L. Gary, Nathan Greene, Minnie Greene and William Abram, negroes, killed when their speeding automobile crashed into and was run over by a train at South Bay crossing about 2 a. m.

Two deaths were attributed to trains during the past year. On March 21, an unidentified negro was run over by a train about two miles from the Pahokee ice plant. On December 4, Willie Walker, 30, Pahokee negro, was killed by a train as he sat on tracks at Pahokee.

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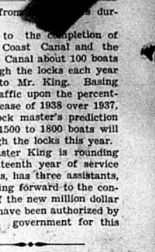
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